

A2 4. (Amended) The cannula system of claim 3, wherein the plug introduces air flow into the tube parallel to a flow of aspirant during suctioning via a plug opening, the plug opening acting as the vent hole which has the diameter of approximately between 0.003 and 0.02 inches and which allows air to flow within the bore of the tube.

Please add claim 21 as follows:

A3 21. (Added) The cannula system of claim 1, wherein the diameter of the hole is approximately between 0.012 and 0.0135 inches.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended and claim 21 is added for the Examiner's consideration. Attached hereto is a separate sheet entitled "Marked-Up Copy of Claims" showing a marked up copy of the amended claims. Support for the amendment(s) is provided in at least at page(s)15 and 16 and in table 9 of the present specification.

A check in the amount of 18.00 is attached hereto. Applicants now request examination on the merits. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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Marked-Up Copy of Claims

The following is a marked-up copy of amended claims 1 and 4.

1. (Amended) A cannula system comprising:

- a tube having a bore extending along a length thereof;
- an assembly connecting to a proximal end of the tube;
- an aspirator tip having openings positioned at another end of the tube remote from the assembly; and
- an opening acting as a vent hole positioned along the length of the tube away from the assembly, the vent hole having a diameter of approximately between [0.012 and 0.0135] 0.003 and 0.02 inches and which allows air to flow within the bore of the tube.

4. (Amended) The cannula system of claim [1] 3, wherein the plug introduces air flow into the tube parallel to a flow of aspirant during suctioning via a plug opening, the plug opening acting as the vent hole which has the diameter of approximately between [0.012 and 0.0135] 0.003 and 0.02 inches and which allows air to flow within the bore of the tube.[.]